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## SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

## What's happening on the job?

The contractor has changed gears a little bit and has changed his main focus and priorities for the next week or so. Instead of starting on the gabion basket retaining walls as said in last week's newsletter, the contractor is focusing on getting the last course of crushed rock on the remainder of Galloway Road. His main reason for doing so is that come February  $1^{\rm st}$ , the contractor cannot work on Galloway Road from Derrick Road to the recreational area until August  $1^{\rm st}$ . This is an environmental shutdown written in the contract that the contractor must abide by.

You may start to see the contractor back out at Highway 101 working around the new Tiger Creek Bridge as well. Since the bridge is more or less complete, the contractor wants to start backfilling around the bridge and getting the new road to grade so the guardrail can be installed, pavement can be put down on the bridge and around the intersection and the new bridge be put into service. Last week, the contractor had Coast Concrete Cutting come in and sawcut the existing pavement at the Sandlake Road and Highway 101 intersection. This sawcut will provide a nice even edge to pave up against in order to match the new pavement to Highway 101.

Cascade Bridge had been back on the job recently. Last week, they worked at the new box culvert forming the concrete apron and wingwalls that are going to be poured on the end of the box culvert. Most of their work here will be off of the roadway, so no flaggers or traffic control will be necessary until they pour concrete, in which flaggers will be present to direct traffic around the concrete trucks. A similar apron and set of wingwalls will be poured on the inlet end of the box culvert as well, but this won't be done until after the first of July. After the first of July, our in-stream window starts again and the contractor can divert the stream so the box culvert can be finished and then put to use.

As these and all other construction operations happen on the job, please watch for construction signs and flaggers. Although you may have to stop and wait for a bit, just remember that the flaggers are there for your safety!